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1. "We have been given a teaspoonful of License which has enabled us to get some of the refrigeration blower coils we badly need at the present time.
2. "I am sending you a copy of the cablegram and also our official confirming order calling for fourteen (14) blower coils to cover the US\$4 thousand License which the government gave us yesterday.
3. "It is bad enough trying to get business without having this continual and practically impossible hassle over the matter of procurement of materials.
4. "It is only because of two jobs we have, requiring this material, that we are getting it; it is not for stock. The coils are being used in banana processing rooms and the low temperature blower coils in a blast freezing pea tunnel.
5. "Both of them are on primary production effort, the bananas that we get in New Zealand come from one of the dependencies (Rarotonga) and, according to our ideas on this Welfare State business, we have to take the whole production the Islands get out which is then slowly dished out here in handfuls as reward for good effort.

"Our movements in the banana curing department would make US processors laugh out loud but we just cannot get all the equipment available in the US. We would certainly like the standard banana evaporator and coils with steam heaters incorporated but we have to use finned strip electric heaters. We got about a US\$20 License, to get some spray nozzles, with strict instructions to turn them over to a local factory to copy so that they will not have to spend anymore dollars on them. Then they dish us up enough License to handle four rooms, allowing for two coils per room.

"The pea business is just as amusing. The old government went into food processing as one of the prime parts of the Welfare State. According to them, the State can do a better job than private enterprise. They bought very elaborate field machinery from the US and quite comfortably and conveniently forgot all about any decent refrigerating equipment on the basis that they could always get a few thousand feet of ammonia pipe and make some fans in New Zealand for a blast tunnel. Fortunately for us, that is what they thought and now we have a little job with about 60 hp of freon refrigeration. The six are to be added

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to equipment we already have to make a pea tunnel, this time for private enterprise which has been made a present of the field machinery procured by the Socialist Government.

8. "We still want blower coils and we are still in and scratching with the Department for more US License because here it is the middle of our dead season (winter) and our stock of blower coils is almost nil. We do hope that you may be able to jack something up for us on the Danish angle which might hold the fort until you in the US make some sense on this 'trade not aid angle'."
9. The above is typical of letters I have received from New Zealand indicating difficulties experienced by New Zealand firms in buying from the US.

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